

Driving Behavior



Zero Officers Killed or Injured



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- 450 Accidental Deaths since 2001
 - 66.6% due to motor vehicle accidents
 - 254 Motor Vehicle Accidents
 - 46 Motorcycle
 - Additional 75 officers struck and killed by passing motorists

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- Increase in motor vehicle accidents annually since 2004



- 81,707 total accidents from 2004-2006
 - 27,235 per year
- 37,655 total injuries reported
- 3.4 times more accidents than Fire/EMS per year



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■ Characteristic of Officers Involved

- Average age is mid 30's
- Approximately 10 years of law enforcement experience
- Works hard but takes risks
- Possesses sense of invincibility
- Develops “performance comfort” from years of carrying out duties
- Lacks motor vehicle in-service or refresher training
- Pursues misdemeanor property crime suspects under high risk situations more than less-experienced peers.



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- **Causative Factors**
 - Attitude
 - Driving Concentration
 - Psychological Factors
 - Physical Condition
 - Night Driving



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- **Agency/Supervisor Responsibility**
 - Formal review of all accidents
 - Identify causative factors
 - Cultural message that avoidable accidents are not accepted as normal incidents of police work
 - Document poor driving performance
 - Training



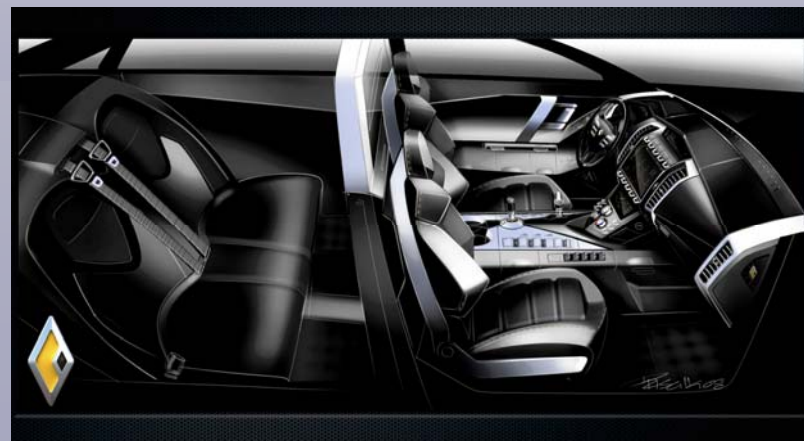
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- Agency/Supervisor Responsibility
 - Equipment checks
 - Routine inspections
 - Policies for Safe Motor Vehicle Operation
 - Mandatory seat belt use
 - Clear definition of emergency response
 - Mandatory vehicle inspections

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Recent Developments in Motor Vehicle Safety

- Product Integration
 - Laptops
 - Shotgun racks
- Software upgrades that create audio responses
- Purpose designed seats to accommodate gun belts
- Additional safety measures to accommodate crash test standards with police equipment



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